

IV. Claims 18-28 and 50, drawn to a pencil sharpener with a rotational compartment with at least three cams;

V. Claim 32 drawn to a pencil sharpener with a feed casing of non-constant wall thickness;

VI. Claims 30-31, 33-36, 45-46 and 48 drawn to a pencil sharpener with a rotational compartment having a support section of plate-like shape; and

VII. Claims 37-44 and 47 drawn to a pencil sharpener with a housing compartment configured in a multi-part fashion.

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's indication of that claims 1, 13-15 and 29 will be examined with any of the elected Groups and that Claim 1 is a linking claim. Upon the allowance of the linking claim, the Restriction Requirement will be withdrawn and any claims depending from that claim will be included in the examination of the application.

Applicant elects the claims of Group I, claims 2-6, 12, 16 and 49 drawn to a pencil sharpener having a feed track, a feed pencil, matching contour area, feed disk and sealing device. This election is made without traverse.

The application also is alleged to contain claims directed to the following patentability distinct species:

Species A - the embodiment of FIG. 1;

Species B – the embodiment of FIG. 8;

Species C – the embodiment of FIG. 12;

Species D – the embodiment of FIGs. 18 and 33;

Species E – the embodiment of FIGs. 23 and 33;

Species F – the embodiment of FIGs. 28 and 33;

Species G – the embodiment of FIGs. 18 and 34;

Species H – the embodiment of FIGs. 23 and 34; and

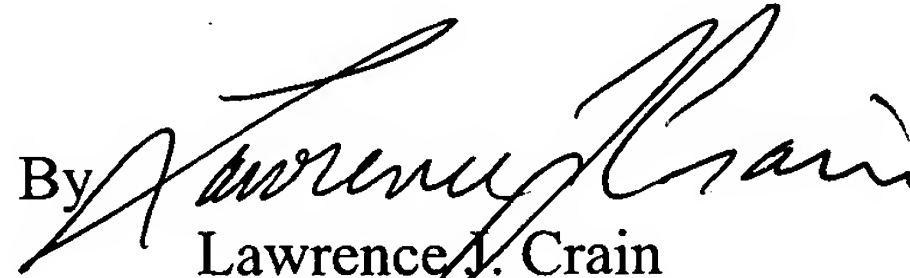
Species I – the embodiment of FIGs. 28 and 34.

Applicant elects Species A of FIG. 1. Claims 1-6, 12-16, 29 and 49 relate to Species A.

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the issues raised in the October 18, 2005 Action (Paper Mail Date 10142005) have been addressed. In the event there are additional issues which may be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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